

At page 11, line 31, please replace the word "Correspoinding" with the word --
Corresponding --

At page 12, line 21, please delete the word "the."

At page 12, line 25, please replace the word "An" with --A--.

At page 22, line 3, please replace the word "is" with the word --are--.

At page 34, line 3-5, please replace the phrase "above-described methods (and
preferably that of Nikiforov, T. (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/005,061)." with
the phrase -- methods of Nikiforov, T. (U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
08/005,061), as described above in detail in section C.--

At page 50, line 17, please replace the word "is" with the word --are--.

At page 52, line 11, please replace the phrase "20 l" with the phrase --20 µl--.

At page 52, line 13, please replace the phrase "Twenty l" with the phrase --Twenty µl--.

At page 52, line 15, please replace the phrase "per l" with phrase --per µl--.

At page 52, lines 15-16, please replace the phrase "polymerase and incubated for" with
the phrase (polymerase) was added to each well and incubated for--.

At pages 61-62, please delete the section entitled "False Report Rate" which begins on
page 61, line 3, and ends on page 62, line 21.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 34-38, 42-44, 47-50, and 51-53 without prejudice. Please add new claims 54-126 as follows: